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Appendix A. Definitions

A.1 GIDEP. This acronym stands for "Government-Industry Data Exchange Program." GIDEP is a cooperative information-sharing program between the U.S. and Canadian governments and industry participants. The goal of GIDEP is to ensure that only reliable and conforming parts are in use on all Government programs and operations. GIDEP members share technical information essential to the research, design, development, production, and operational phases of the life cycle of systems, facilities, and equipment.

A.2 GIDEP ALERT. GIDEP document for reporting a problem with parts, components, materials, specifications, software, facilities, manufacturing processes, or test equipment that can cause a functional failure.

A.3 GIDEP SAFE-ALERT. A GIDEP document for reporting a nonconforming item, product, or situation that creates a safety hazard for personnel or equipment.

A.4 GIDEP Problem Advisory. A GIDEP document for reporting a problem with parts, components, materials, manufacturing processes, specifications, software, facilities, or test equipment that has an unknown or low probability of causing problems for other users.

A.5 GIDEP Agency Action Notice. A GIDEP document for redistributing problem information issued by a Government Agency to GIDEP participants.

A.6 NASA Advisory. A NASA document for exchanging significant parts, materials, and safety problems or concerns among NASA activities.

A.7 Nonconformance. The state or situation of not fulfilling a requirement.

A.8 Safety Critical Item. A part, assembly, installation equipment, launch equipment, ground support equipment, recovery equipment, or support equipment for an aircraft, launch vehicle, or space vehicle if the part, equipment, or assembly contains a characteristic whose failure, malfunction, or absence could cause a catastrophic or critical failure resulting in the loss of or serious damage to the craft/vehicle, an unacceptable risk of personal injury, or loss of life.

A.9 Significant Problem. Any problem which is of the highest category of significance by virtue of the problem's impact on personnel safety or mission accomplishment (schedule and objectives).

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